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THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

THIRD ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

FIRST SESSION—1944/1120.

SECOND MEETING.

Wednesday, the 30th August 1944/15th Chingam 1120.

The House met in the Legislative Chamber at 12 noon with the Dewan-President, in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls:—

1. Mr. P. Arumugham (*Co-opted member for the Varnava Bill.*)
2. Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government.*)
3. *Rajyasevanirata* Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health.*)
4. Mr. T. K. Govindan (*Co-opted member for the Varnava Bill.*)
5. Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Food Supplies and Additional Secretary to Government.*)
6. Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner.*)
7. Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Travancoreans in Jap-occupied areas.

262. *MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the number of Travancoreans now in Jap-occupied areas of Burma and the Malaya States;

(*b*) whether any enquiry as to the welfare of their families in Travancore has been initiated or sponsored by the Government; and

(*c*) whether any help is being rendered to the said families?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) and (*c*) Those who apply to the Evacuee Relief Committee are granted financial assistance. Fee concessions are also granted to school-going children.

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MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the honourable member be pleased to state the number of applications received?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Nearly 300 applications have been received till this date.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: May I know the number disposed of?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: About 239 applications have been disposed of.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: May I know who are the members of the Committee?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: In Trivandrum, the Division Peishkar, the Mayor and the D. S. P. Similarly in the other centres the Division Peishkars, the Chairmen* of the Municipalities of Quilon and Kottayam and the District Superintendents of Police in those centres.

Permission for republication of newspapers.

263. * MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the policy followed by Government in granting permission sought for the republication of newspapers under the Paper Control Order;

(*b*) the newspapers whose republication has been granted and the dates of the orders giving permission;

(*c*) the number of permissions granted for the printing and publication of fresh newspapers since the promulgation of the Paper Control Order;

(*d*) the quantity of newsprint at the disposal of the Government for distribution and how they are being distributed among the newspapers in the State;

(*e*) the reason why the permission sought for the republication of 'Navasakti' (നവശക്തി) on 18-7-1119 was refused; and

(*f*) the names of newspapers allowed to be republished or newly started since that refusal and the grounds for permission in each case?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Government sanction for the republication of a newspaper, envisaged in the Paper Control Order of 1118, is based on the criteria of essentiality and public interests in view especially to the present scarcity of newsprint.

(*b*) A *statement showing the names of the newspapers or periodicals to which sanction has been accorded for republication, since the Paper Control Order of 1118, and the dates on which sanction was accorded in each case is laid on the table.

(*c*) Nine.

(*d*) The quantity available varies from time to time.

(*e*) Government were convinced that it was not expedient in the public interest to allow exemption to this newspaper from the provisions of the Paper Control Order.

* *Vide* appendix I, page 918.

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